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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Stephen Schroeder et al. : Examiner: Not yet assigned
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 : Group Art Unit: 1761
Application No.: 09/903,710)
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Filed: July 13, 2001) December 26, 2001
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For: METHOD OF PREPARING)
LIQUID COMPOSITIONS FOR DELIVERY)
OF N-[N-(3,3-DIMETHYLBUTYL-L- α -ASPARTYL)-
L-PHENYLALANINE 1-METHYL ESTER IN FOOD
AND BEVERAGE SYSTEMS)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated August 24, 2001 for two months from October 24, 2001 to December 24, 2001.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 400.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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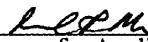
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Date of Signature

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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